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Honorable Ron Jones, Director  
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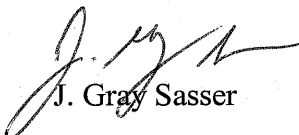
Re: General Docket Addressing Rural Universal Service  
Docket No. 00-00523

Dear Director Jones:

In accordance with the Rules of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, enclosed please find an original executed version and thirteen copies of the Petition of Cingular Wireless – Tennessee for Leave to Intervene.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this Petition, and please do not hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions or we can provide any additional information.

Regards,

  
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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
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IN RE:

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PETITION OF CINGULAR WIRELESS - TENNESSEE  
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

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Chattanooga MSA Limited Partnership, BellSouth Personal Communications, LLC and BellSouth Mobility LLC d/b/a Cingular Wireless - Tennessee ("Petitioner") hereby seeks leave to intervene in the captioned proceeding. In support of this petition, Petitioner states as follows:

1. Petitioner, through its business conduct in the state of Tennessee, owns and operates certain wireless communications services and facilities throughout the state, including some rural areas.

2. Petitioner furthermore recognizes that in providing wireless communications to its customers throughout the state, its customers may place and receive phone calls from the phone systems operated by the members of the Coalition of Rural Independent Companies, and such traffic may transit BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("BellSouth") network.

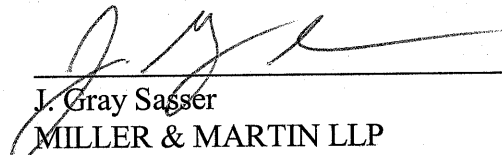
3. The subject of this proceeding may therefore directly affect Petitioner's operations in the state of Tennessee.

4. Because of its direct interest in this proceeding, Petitioner seeks to intervene in this matter, such intervention to include the right to receive copies of documents and pleadings, to submit information and testimony, to participate in the hearings of this matter and to participate in

discussions, formal and informal, regarding the analysis and implementation of decisions affecting the outcome of issues raised in the letter filed by BellSouth on April 2, 2003 and the *Petition for Emergency Relief and Request for Standstill Order by the Tennessee Rural Independent Coalition*, filed April, 3, 2003, both being considered in the Generic Docket Addressing Rural Universal Service in the state of Tennessee.

Based on the foregoing considerations, Petitioner urges the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to grant the request for intervention.

Respectfully submitted,



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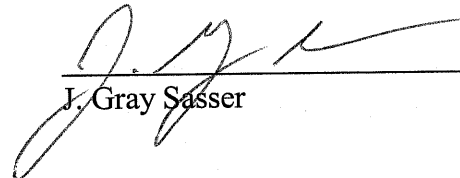
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